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Cherkasy as Cherkassy.

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1. The airfield was located 5 to 7 km northwest of Cherkasy (49°26' N 32°06' E). Kiev MD, west of the railroad line which extended approximately in line with the field center to the northeast to the Dnepr bridge. A plantation of young pine trees was located between the railroad line and the airfield. The installation was a military airfield at which jet aircraft and cargo gliders were stationed. The landing-field west of the hangars which were located along the eastern edge of the field. A multi-story quartering building was observed in the southeastern corner of the field. Soviet Air Force soldiers guarded the installation and patrols armed with rifles were seen along the western edge of the pine plantation. 25X1
2. Jet aircraft flying individually and in formations of up to 3, mostly flying at high altitudes, were observed over Cherkasy almost every day. The aircraft were occasionally observed flying north of the town area at altitudes between 300 and 400 meters. No air activity was observed at night. During the winter months of 1954/1955, flying was practiced only in fair weather, even at low temperatures. Prior to late 1954, twin-jet aircraft were observed. Between early 1955 and 24 May 1955, single-jet aircraft were seen. From August 1954 to 24 May 1955, twin-engine aircraft, probably Douglas-type planes, towing cargo gliders were also observed aloft.

Description of aircraft types:

- a. Twin-jet aircraft: Conspicuously long nose, slim and long fuselage, engines projecting far beyond leading edges of wings; nose wheel, wings fitted approximately at right angle to fuselage.
- b. Single-jet aircraft: Fuselage step, air intake in nose compartment, width of wing root approximately one third of entire length of aircraft, leading edges of wings swept-back, trailing edges swept-forward approximately at same angle, slim fuselage, section in front of wings shorter than aft of wings, silver gray paint.
- c. Cargo-glider: Mid-wing monoplane with slim wings and clumsy, drop-shaped fuselage, single radior assembly, no struts.

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[redacted] Comment. This is the first information received on Cherkassy airfield 25X1
The description of the twin-engine aircraft indicates that an Il-28 was involved.
The cargo gliders observed there may have been of type G-11. From the air
activity mentioned, it is inferred that an Il-28 unit had been stationed at
subject airfield, until about late 1954. The single-engine aircraft seen at the
installation could possibly have been a double-delta wing or a so-called 25X1
rhomboid wing type aircraft. [redacted] due to the unusualness of the wing
configuration of this plane [redacted] remembered this characteristic feature. 25X1
More than one commercial publication has carried articles on this type of
aircraft being in existence in the USSR, but none of these articles have ever
been confirmed. [redacted] 25X1
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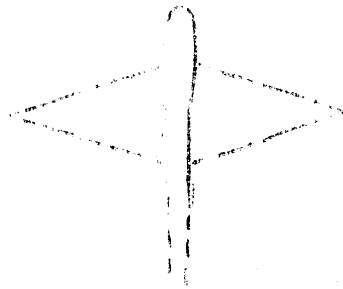
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